

Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside

Boundaries: bordered by Franklin Street, Cross Street, the B&A Railroad right of way, the Charles River, Flagg Street and Putnam Avenue

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Franklin Street.



Memorial Drive/Lower Cambridgeport

One of the more positive business related statistics to be recorded during the first six months of this year is the fact that incidents of **Fraud/ Flim Flam/ Counterfeiting** dropped considerably (71%) in the Memorial Drive / Cambridgeport area. • On the other-hand, **commercial robberies** got back on board with two reported incidents this quarter as opposed to no incidents for the same time period last year. The victim of both robberies was the Shell Gas station at 207 Magazine St. In the first incident the suspects were scared away when the attendant hit the panic alarm, and in the second robbery attempt, the suspects fled when the attendant called 911. • **Larceny from buildings** also experienced an increase in incidents. Thefts from hotel rooms and storage areas constituted the majority (50%) of the sixteen thefts from buildings. • The numbers for **commercial breaks** (five) are surprising since there were no reported incidents for this crime type over the first six months of last year. • **Larceny from person**, which was also a rare occurrence in this area last year with only two reports for the first six months of 2000, jumped dramatically to seven reported incidents. Unattended wallets and purses were the main targets in these thefts. • **Shoplifting** incidents have decreased moderately (31%), with arrests being made in five of six incidents at Micro-Center. The other business that had its' fair share of shoplifters was Strawberries, accounting for five of the fourteen incidents.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2000	2 nd Quarter 2001	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	10	16	+60%
Larceny from Person	2	7	+250%
Commercial Burglary	0	5	Inc.
Commercial Robbery	0	2	Inc.
Shoplifting	16	14	-13%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	14	4	-71%